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SUBJECT: EURATOM/IAEA NPT VERIFICATION AGREEMENT

REF: A) EC BRUSSELS 4253 B) VIENNA 4053 C) BONN 7889

SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO QUAI NUCLEAR OFFICIAL, FRANCE
HAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE EURATOM-IAEA VERIFICATION
AGREEMENT, PROVIDED EURATOM RETAINS EARLIER ACCORD

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TO TREAT FRANCE AS A NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE. FRENCH
ARE DEALING BILATERALLY WITH THE IAEA NOT ON

EURATOM/IAEA RELATIONSHIP BUT ON SPECIFIC CASE OF
REPROCESSING SPANISH SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL, ORIGINALLY
SUPPLIED BY THE U.S. END SUMMARY.

1. AT SCIATT'S REQUEST, MFA NUCLEAR AFFAIRS DIRECTOR
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON IM-
PLEMENTING THE EURATOM/IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT
IN CONTEXT OF NPT VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. AS
NOTED IN REF A, THE FRENCH HAD REACHED AN UNDER-
STANDING WITHIN EURATOM THAT FRANCE WOULD BE TREATED
AS A NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE WITH RESPECT TO SAFEGUARDS;
IT ACCEPTS EURATOM SAFEGUARDS ON MATERIALS AND
FACILITIES WHICH IT DECLARES TO BE OUTSIDE ITS
WEAPONS PROGRAM. WHEN THE IAEA BEGINS TO ACT
THROUGH THE INTERMEDIARY OF EURATOM IN APPLYING
SAFEGUARDS, FRENCH EXPECT THE SAME CONSIDERATIONS.

2. THE MFA OFFICIAL FORESAW NO POLITICAL PROBLEM

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IN REACHING AN ACCORD BETWEEN EURATOM AND IAEA. IT WAS
A QUESTION OF IRONING OUT JURIDICAL RELATIONS, COMPLI-
CATED BY THE "AMOUR PROPRE" OF EACH AGENCY. FRANCE IT-
SELF HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT PRO-
VIDED IT IS TREATED AS NWS. HE ADDED THAT FRANCE IS NOW
DEALING BILATERALLY WITH THE IAEA NOT ON THE GENERAL
QUESTION OF EURATOM SAFEGUARDS BUT ON THE POSSIBILITY
THAT THE FRENCH WILL REPROCESS SPENT FUEL FROM SPANISH
REACTORS. (THE ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL WAS ORIGINALLY SUP-
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PLIED BY THE U.S.) HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE IAEA STAN-
DARDS WOULD PROBABLY BE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF EURATOM.
NEVERTHELESS, HE FELT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR
EURATOM TO HAVE THE SAFEGUARDS RESPONSIBILITY AS A
SYMBOL OF COMMUNITY "SUPANATIONALISM."

3. COMMENT: RE CONCERNS IN REFTELS, WE SEE THE
SITUATION AS FOLLOWS: FIRST, THE FRENCH HAVE NO IN-
TENTION OF SUBSTITUTING IAEA FOR EURATOM SAFEGUARDS
(REF B, PARAS 2 AND 3). FOR POLITICAL REASONS, THEY
ARE COMMITTED TO EURATOM. HOWEVER, THEY ARE UN-
LIKELY TO FREEZE THEIR INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR TRANS-
ACTIONS WITH NON-EURATOM NATIONS UNTIL THE EURATOM
AND IAEA WORK OUT A SAFEGUARDS ARRANGEMENT.
SECONDLY, FRANCE WILL INSIST ON BEING TREATED AS
A NUCLEAR WEAPON POWER FOR THE OBVIOUS REASON THAT
IT IS ONE IT HAS NEVER HAD NOR DOES IT HAVE NOW ANY
INTENTION OF SUBMITTING ITS NUCLEAR MILITARY FACILITIES
TO EURATOM OR IAEA SAFEGUARDS (REF A, PARA 2 AND 3).
THUS THE FRENCH WILL INSIST ON RETAINING THE
AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE OTHER EURATOM MEMBERS
IN 1971 ON THE QUESTION OF SAFEGUARDS. THIRD, THE
FRENCH CAN ACCEPT IAEA/EURATOM SAFEGUARDS ON THEIR
CIVILIAN FACILITIES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR
POSTURE TOWARD THE NPT.
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